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AAP	average acquisition payment	DME	durable medical equipment
AAPCC	adjusted average per capita cost	DoD	Department of Defense
ACCC	Association of Community Cancer Centers	DRG	diagnosis related group
ACR	adjusted community rate	DSH	disproportionate share
ADC	average daily census	DUR	drug utilization review
ADL	activity of daily living	DVT	deep vein thrombosis
AHA	American Hospital Association	E&M	evaluation and management
AIDS	acquired immunodeficiency syndrome	EHR	electronic health record
AMCP	Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy	EPO	erythropoietin
AMI	acute myocardial infarction	ESRD	end-stage renal disease
AHRQ	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality	ER	emergency room
APACHE	Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation	FDA	Food and Drug Administration
APC	ambulatory payment classification	FDG	fluorodeoxyglucose F18
APR-DRG	all patient refined diagnosis related group	FDG-PET	(18)F-fluorodeoxyglucose and positron emission tomography
ARC	Actuarial Research Corporation	FEHB	Federal Employees Health Benefits [Program]
ASHP	American Society of Health-System Pharmacists	FFS	fee-for-service
ASP	average sales price	FIM™	Functional Independence Measure
ASPE	Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation	FPL	federal poverty level
AWP	average wholesale price	GAF	geographic adjustment factor
BBA	Balanced Budget Act of 1997	GAO	Government Accountability Office [formerly General Accounting Office]
BBRA	Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999	GDP	gross domestic product
BEA	Bureau of Economic Analysis	gFOBT	guaiac-based fecal occult blood test
BIPA	Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000	GI	gastrointestinal
BMI	body mass index	GME	graduate medical education
B-N	budget neutrality	GPCI	geographic practice cost index
CAH	critical access hospital	GPO	group purchasing organization
CAHPS	Consumer Assessment of Health Plans Survey	HbA1c	hemoglobin A1c
CBA	cost-benefit analysis	HCC	hierarchical coexisting condition
CBO	Congressional Budget Office	HCC	hierarchical condition category
CCR	cost-to-charge ratio	HCCA	health care commuting area
CEA	cost-effectiveness analysis	HCFA	Health Care Financing Administration
CEO	chief executive officer	HCPCS	Healthcare Common Procedures Coding System
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services	HCPP	health care prepayment plan
CMS-HCC	CMS-hierarchical condition category	HCL	hydrochloride
COP	condition of participation	HEDIS	Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
CORAR	Council on Radionuclides and Radiopharmaceuticals	HHA	home health agency
COX-2	cyclo-oxygenase-2	HHRG	home health resource group
CY	calendar year	HHS	Department of Health and Human Services
DCG	diagnostic cost group	HMO	health maintenance organization

HOS	Health Outcomes Survey	NDC	national drug code
HOPD	hospital outpatient department	NHS	National Health Service
HRR	hospital referral region	NICE	National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (United Kingdom)
HSA	health savings account	NIDDK	National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
HSA	health service area	NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
HSCRC	Health Services Cost Review Commission	NORC	National Opinion Research Center
HWI	hospital wage index	NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
ICD-9-CM	International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification	NRHA	National Rural Health Association
ID	identification	NTA	nontherapy ancillary
IDTF	independent diagnostic testing facility	OASDI	Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance
iFOBT	immunochemical fecal occult blood test	OASIS	Outcome and Assessment Information Set
IHS	Indian Health Service	OIG	Office of Inspector General
IME	indirect medical education	OMB	Office of Management and Budget
IN	indium	P&T	pharmacy and therapeutics
IOM	Institute of Medicine	PAC	post-acute care
IPF	inpatient psychiatric facility	PACE	Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly
IPPS	inpatient prospective payment system	PAI	patient assessment instrument
IRF	inpatient rehabilitation facility	PBM	pharmacy benefit manager
IRF-PAI	Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility–Patient Assessment Instrument	PCT	pragmatic, or practical, clinical trial
IV	instrumental variable	PDA	personal digital assistant
IV	intravenous	PDP	prescription drug plan
JCAHO	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations	PET	positron emission tomography
LOS	length of stay	PFFS	private fee-for-service
LTCH	long-term care hospital	PhRMA	Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America
M+C	Medicare+Choice	PIP-DCG	principal inpatient diagnostic cost group
MA	Medicare Advantage	PLI	professional liability insurance
MA-PD	Medicare Advantage–Prescription Drug [plan]	POS	point of service
MAF	medical assistance facility	PPE	personal protective equipment
MCBS	Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey	PPI	producer price index
MDS	Minimum Data Set	PPO	preferred provider organization
MedPAC	Medicare Payment Advisory Commission	PPRC	Physician Payment Review Commission
MedPAR	Medicare Provider Analysis and Review file	PPS	prospective payment system
MEI	Medicare Economic Index	PRO	peer review organization
MEPS	Medical Expenditure Panel Survey	PSI	patient safety indicator
MMA	Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003	QALY	quality-adjusted life year
MRI	magnetic resonance imaging	QIO	quality improvement organization
MSA	metropolitan statistical area	QMB	Qualified Medicare Beneficiary
MSA	medical savings account	RBC	red blood cell
MTMP	medication therapy management program	RPCH	rural primary care hospital
N/A	not applicable, not available	RUC	Relative Value Scale Update Committee
NCQA	National Committee for Quality Assurance	RUCA	Rural–Urban Commuting Area

RUG	resource utilization group	SPAP	State Pharmacy Assistance Program
RUG-III	resource utilization group, version III	SSA	Social Security Administration
RVS	relative value scale	Tc	technetium
RVU	relative value unit	TPN	total parenteral nutrition
SCHIP	State Children’s Health Insurance Program	U.S.	United States
S/HMO	social health maintenance organization	U.S.C.	United States Code
SGR	sustainable growth rate	USP	the U.S. Pharmacopeia
SHIP	State Health Insurance Assistance Program	USPSTF	U.S. Preventive Services Task Force
SLMB	Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary	USRDS	United States Renal Data System
SNF	skilled nursing facility	VA	Department of Veterans Affairs
SNOMED	Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine	WWAMI	Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho
SNP	special needs plan		